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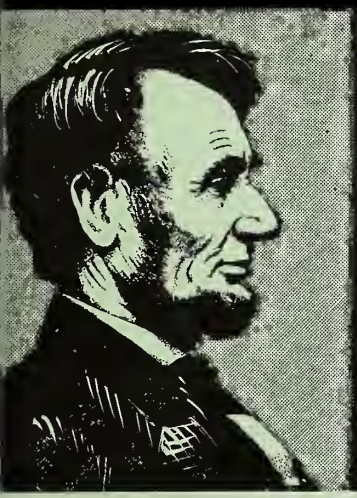
Abraham Lincoln in Florida.

In his recent annual message to the legislature Gov. Gilchrist, of Florida, made this striking recommendation:

"The three greatest men this Nation has produced are George Washington, Robert Lee and Abraham Lincoln. By legislative enactment this state has declared the anniversary of the birthday of the first two legal holidays. It is recommanded that February 12th, the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, be declared a legal holiday.

"Abraham Lincoln showed no animus toward the South. He was correct in the application of the principle, as applied to slavery in the United States; 'A house divided against itself cannot stand.' He would even have sacrificed this conviction in order to preserve the Union. We revere the courage, fortitude, self-denial, and devotion to duty of those who wore the gray. We naturally feel more kindly toward them because they were blood of our blood. We suffered with them and we naturally glory in their achievement. We must also appreciate the same qualities in those who wore the blue. The record made by both armies is now our common heritage. Many veterans of the Union Army and their relatives and sympathizers have purchased property in our State, and are interested in the development of our resources. Thousands of relatives of those who wore the blue are visitors to our State. There is no other Southern State which has better reasons for taking the iniative in this matter than Florida. Some have said let some Northern State first act toward recognizing some Confederate chieftain. There is no Northern State in which one-tenth the reasons exist for such action toward recognizing some Confederate chieftain as there exists in Florida for the action recommended. Besides, Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States. As such it was his duty to defend and preserve the Union. Had he lived he would undoubtedly have been in fact, as well as in name, the President of the whole United States. His untimely death was a great blow to the Southland, and consequently to the United States."

There can be no question of the truth and force of what the Governor said, and yet it has naturally raised consdierable of a howl from the unreconstructed in the state. All the same it marks a decided advance towards better things on the part of the south.
—National Tribune. 1905



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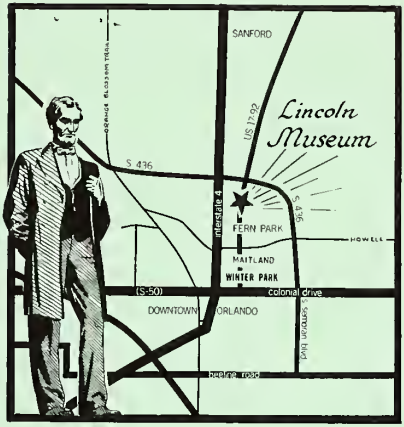
You will renew your faith in the fundamental American principles and ideals which enabled this "underprivileged" frontier lad to attain the Presidency.

This exhibit will show you the exalted reverence the people of this Nation expressed to Lincoln for his goodness, honesty and intelligence. This devotion was shown in hundreds of ways by his image on coins, ribbons, photographs, documents, banners etc.



It is my hope this Museum will make history more meaningful not only to children but also to adults as well. For one aim of a Museum, the most important aim, is to widen men's horizons, to enlarge one's view of the world, and life. I am sure your family will leave this Museum better informed and richer in our American heritage.

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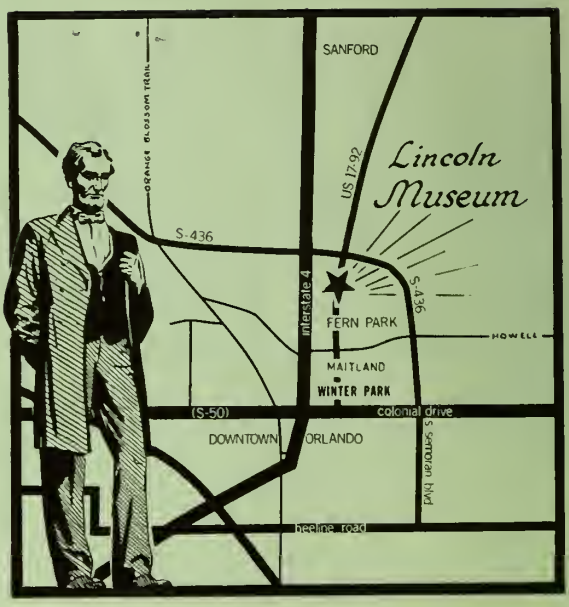

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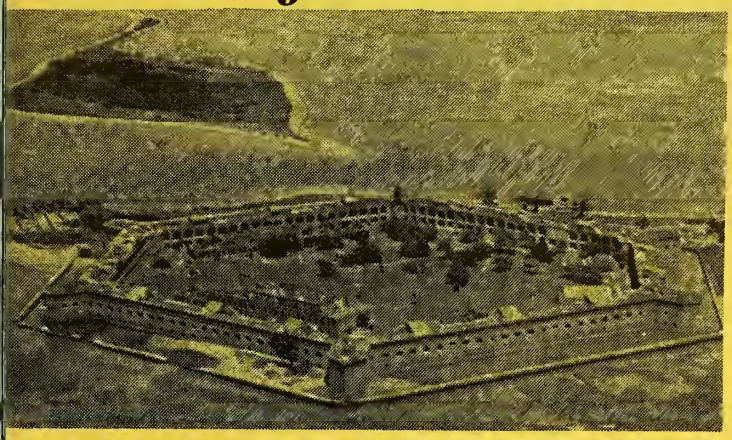

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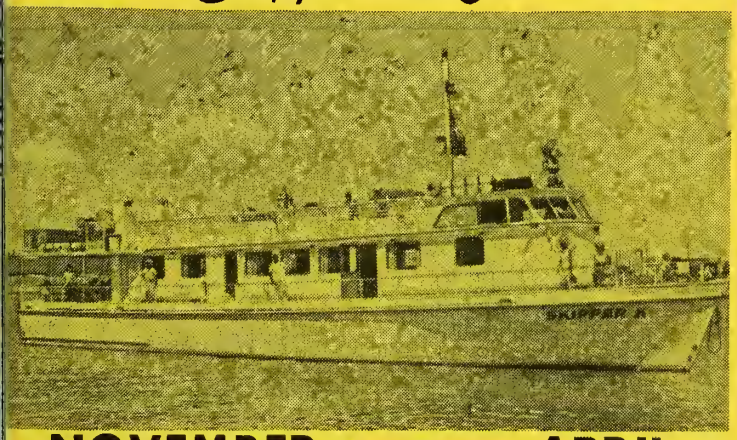

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Like a strand of beads hanging from the tip of Florida, reef islands trail westward into the Gulf of Mexico. At the end, almost 70 miles west of Key West, is the cluster of coral keys called Dry Tortugas. In 1513, the Spanish discoverer Ponce de León named them *las Tortugas*—the Turtles—because of "the great amount of turtles which there do breed." The later name Dry Tortugas, warns the mariner that there is no fresh water here.

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Past Tortugas sailed the treasure-laden ships of Spain, braving shipwreck and corsairs. Not until Florida became part of the United States in 1821 were the pirates finally driven out. Then, for additional insurance to a growing United States commerce in the Gulf, a lighthouse was built at Tortugas, on Garden Key, in 1825. Thirty-one years later the present 150-foot light was erected on Loggerhead Key.

Tortugas Islands. The surrounding shoals iuded in Fort Jefferson National Monument. as long been famous for bird and marine life, en gold. The century-old fort is the central

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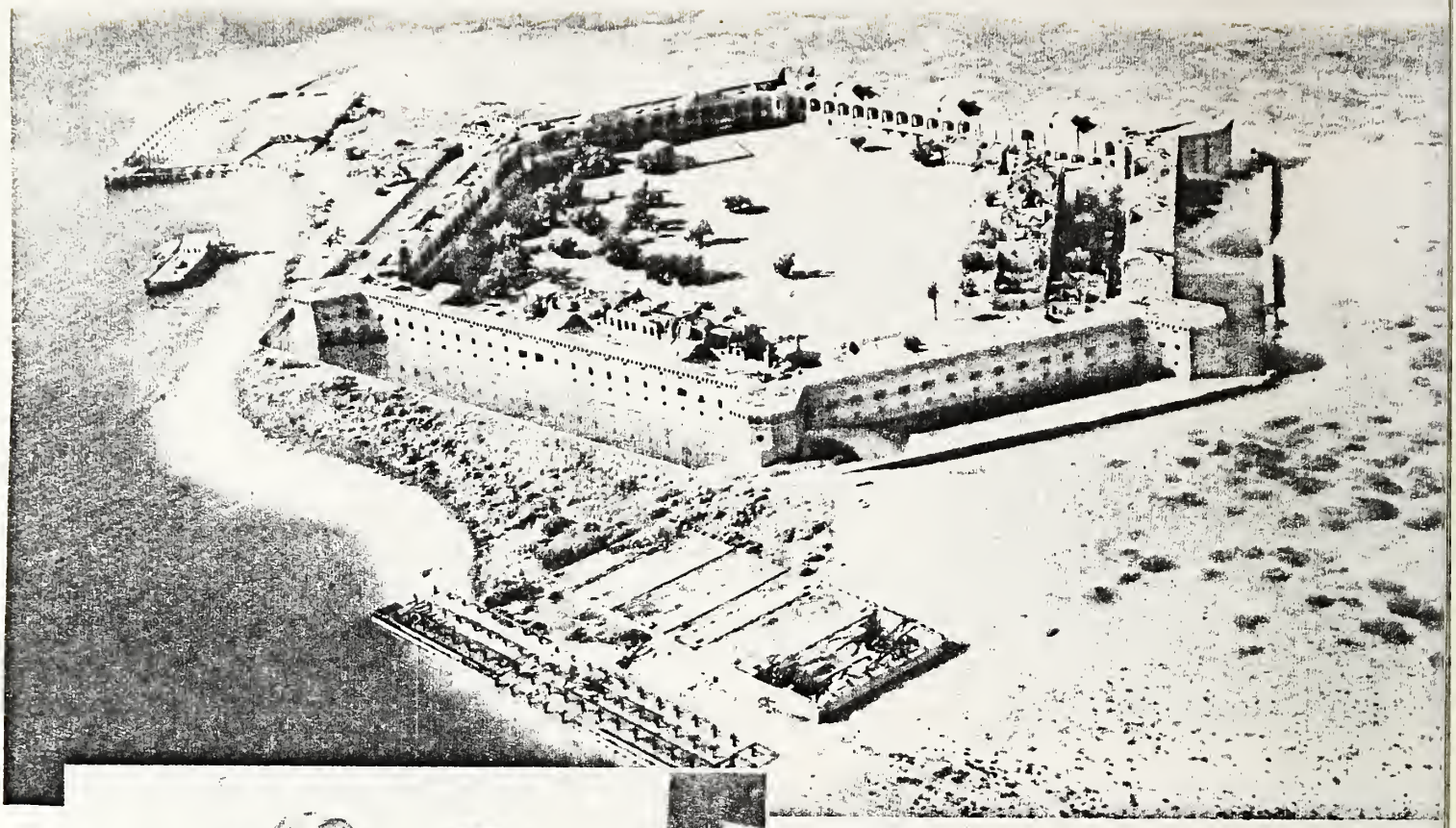

Old Fort Jefferson, rarely-visited national monument i the Dry Tortugas islands 65 miles west of Key Wes . . . It is home to John De Weese and his wife, Lauri

Solitary Fortress a Paradise for Two

• Century-old Fort Jefferson, on a 16-acre coral key in the Gulf of Mexico, provides home and career for John De Weese, discharged from the navy with a serious injury and installed as superintendent at this national monument. Tho the islet seldom has a visitor, John and his wife, Lauri, find it a happy retreat. The fortress once held a famous prisoner: Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, who treated John Wilkes Booth, assassin of Lincoln, during the actor's flight.

U. S. Navy photos

The De Weeses inside the fort, which has not been used for military purposes for many years.